"'Grand Hotel' is a Grand Picture"—Ray Lewis

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# THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS in this entire magazine!

We have just screened

**JOAN CRAWFORD** and
**ROBERT MONTGOMERY** *in*
**"LETTY LYNTON."** (*Clarence Brown's best!*)

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# METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER SHORT SUBJECTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES!

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# Round About the Studios

## "Grand Hotel" Rolls Up Big Grosses Across U.S.

Metro - Goldwyn - Mayer's "Grand Hotel" is boosting moving picture theatres' intake in many cities across the United States. At Grauman's Chinese Theatre, Los Angeles, it grossed $35,000; Wood's Chicago, $22,500; Aldine, Pittsburg, $20,000. Meanwhile "Letty Lynton," Metro's Joan Crawford latest picture, has pulled up the receipts at the New York Capital to $65,000.

## *Paramount-British Dominions Deal Completed*

Arrangements have been completed between Paramount and British and Dominions, whereby British and Dominions will produce for Paramount, English quota films, thus wiping out Paramount British Productions which lost heavily. This arrangement will involve Paramount financing half production cost on each picture. Paramount will choose subjects to be produced.

## Television for Universal?

Carl Laemmle, Sr., at the Universal Convention, San Francisco, said that he was negotiating with a German inventor, who has invented a machine for projecting pictures into the home by means of television. On his visit to Germany this summer, Mr. Laemmle plans to inspect the device.

## *New Warner Line-Up Includes Six Westerns*

It is announced by Warner Bros. that they will go into the production of Westerns, six of these picture being already lined up. Casts will be recruited from the regular Warner-First National players, and other Western actors. Production will commence the end of May.

## Loew's Take Over Lease Fox Theatre, Washington

Negotiations have been completed for the taking over of the lease of the Fox Theatre, Washington, by the Loew interests. The house will be known as Loew's Fox.

## *Helen Hayes for "Barretts"*

On an arrangement with United Artists, Helen Hayes may be starred by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

## *"Color Scales" New M-G-M Short*

The largest collection of rare fish ever shown on the screen are the interesting subjects of "Color Scales", a new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer short subject with explanatory remarks by Pete Smith, well-known film wit.

Starting with the unloading of specimens in special aerated tanks used to convey them from all parts of the world, the subject shows various interesting scenes in the world famous Steinhart Aquarium. Views of the fish on exhibition are filmed entirely in natural colors which reproduce vividly on the screen.

## "The Jewel Robbery" Nearing Completion

"The Jewel Robbery", in which William Powell and Kay Francis will be co-starred, is nearing completion at the Warner Bros. studios in Burbank, Calif. Besides Mr. Powell and Miss Francis, the cast of "The Jewel Robbery" includes Helen Vinson, Andre Luguet, Hardie Albright, Henry Kolker, Lee Kohlmar, Spencer Charters, Robert Greig and Charles Coleman. William Dieterle is directing. The picture is based on the stage play by Ladislas Fodor.

## *"Doomed Battalion" Premiere--Washington*

The year's most colorful opening was the $3 top Hollywood-style premiere of "The Doomed Battalion" at the Rialto Theatre in Washington on April 30th. Virtually every embassy in the capital was colorfully represented. Officialdom was on parade, and every Washington critic raved about this successor to "All Quiet on the Western Front."

## Louise Fazenda Back at Universal

Louise Fazenda is at Universal City again. She has just finished a vaudeville tour and has begun the first of her series of two-reel comedies under the supervision of Warren Coane. It is entitled "Loose Plumbing". Its cast includes Sydney Toler, Vivian Oakland, Phil Dunham and James Finlayson.

"The Thirteenth Man" has been selected as the next Jack Holt special production. It will go into work within a few days under the direction of Howard Higgin, at Columbia Studios.

## "Smilin' Thru" Shearer's Next

Norma Shearer's next starring film will be "Smilin' Thru," an adaptation of Allan Langdon Martin's stage success of the same name. This picture will go into production at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios as soon as Miss Shearer completes work in "Strange Interlude". The supporting cast of "Smilin' Thru" will be announced in the near future.

## *Universal to Film Radio Stars*

Universal announces that it will release 26 novelties featuring radio, vaudeville and night club stars. The series is entitled "Down Memory Lane". Stars already designated are Kate Smith, the Street Singer, "The Rise of the Goldbergs", Major Stoopnagle and Bud, Texas Guinan, Boswell Sisters, Morton Downey, Art Jarrett, and Sisters of the Skillett.

## Casting "Crooner"

"Crooner", soon to start production at the Warner Bros. West Coast studios, is now being cast, and the latest players to be assigned to this unit are Evalyn Knapp, Eddie Nugent, William Janney, Frank McHugh and Betty Gillette. As already announced, David Manners will play the title role and Ken Murray will have a prominent comedy part. "Crooner" is based on an original story written for the screen by Rian James of the Brooklyn Eagle.

## *William Faulkner Signed by Metro*

William Faulkner, author of "Sanctuary" and acclaimed by literary critics as the most talented of the younger generation of American novelists, has been signed for motion picture work by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Faulkner will do original stories as well as adaptations and dialogue. It has not been stated whether he will adapt any of his own novels to the screen.

## Montgomery and Davies For "Two Blondes"

Robert Montgomery is to star with Marian Davies in "Two Blondes" for Metro - Goldwyn - Mayer, instead of Clark Gable who was wanted by Miss Davies for the new picture.

**Famous Players Canadian have made cash advance of $375,684.88 in Film Rentals to Paramount Publix. Why?**

# FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER TWO YEARS UPTOWN THEATRE, TORONTO, HOLDS A PICTURE OVER FOR A SECOND WEEK! "SUNSHINE SUSIE" SMASHES HOUSE RECORD!

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## BRITISH PICTURES ARE MONEY-GETTERS!

And here's the proof: "Michael and Mary" has played three engagements at the Regent, Ottawa, in a few weeks and was held for a second week at the Tivoli, Toronto. "Carnival" has been an outstanding success everywhere — a real money-maker. Now "Sunshine Susie" is doing even better than the others. But "You ain't seen nuthin' yet". Just wait till you get a chance to play "The Ghost Train", "Lady Panniford's Folly" and "The Ringer". They'll be real nourishment for lean bank accounts.

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